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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...not sure what I'm going to do on FA17. I may not vote on it. So that's what I'm going to do on this bill, and I've had my say for the day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, colleagues, brothers, sisters, friends, enemies, and neutrals, I have been taken to the woodshed by the Speaker. I have been talked to and persuaded to alter my course, not in terms of my ultimate opposition to the bill, not in terms of my intent to wage unrelenting warfare against the bill, but on occasion a person who is asea, a-s-e-a, must strike sail and await a more favorable breeze. This bill is unworthy, but when fish are in a barrel and you decide that you will not shoot the fish today, the fish remain in the barrel. They are as easy, appealing and appetizing a target on a future day as they are this day. The Speaker has spoken to me about collegiality and the need to advance the agenda of the a particular piece of legislation, and Legislature, not explained that there had been discussions between and among people who have an interest in this bill. I don't have to be made a party to any discussions, but if I have an interest in a bill, whether for or against, it might not be the wisest course to leave me out of what they call the loop, and I'm not speaking egotistically. Sometimes I may be prevailed on to at least let the people whose bill it is get a vote when I understand what the overall strategy is. That won't always be the case. But on this bill, because it is attempting, in the body of the bill itself, to appropriate money, which it can't do, it's surplusage, and one of my amendments would remove that. I'm not even going to pursue that amendment today. I am in the position of one similar to that articulated by Senator Landis. vote against the bill. I am going to be a roadblock. I'm going to try to derail it. But a train on a track can go no place other than where the track goes. I can go farther down the track and do the same thing there that I could do here, and perhaps I may be more effective farther down the road. Mr. President, in the interest of being collegial and in order that no more flesh be stripped from my hide, I'm going to